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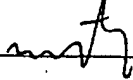
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**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

1. ☒ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

2. ☐ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

☐ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

**OR**

☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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In regard to the application of: Abraham AHARONI et al.

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For : ULTRASONIC TRANSDUCER PROBE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 10/501,252 which is a U.S. National Phase of PCT Application No. PCT/IL02/00018.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06 and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies<sup>1</sup> of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

Copies of items 1-12 and 18-23 are not attached, as the USPTO waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting copies of US patents and US patent application publications in all U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. See MPEP 609 III A(2).

<sup>1</sup> To the extent that a document is listed and no copy of same is attached, then such document is not at the present time available to the undersigned or is available in the national stage file. If a listed document is not in the English language and an English translation is readily available, such translation is also attached; if translation is not attached, it is not readily available to the undersigned. If a foreign language patent document is cited, and an English language equivalent is known to the undersigned, then such an equivalent patent is also cited on the attached form along with the corresponding foreign language patent and a connecting arrow indicated therebetween; if no such English language equivalent is cited then none is known to the undersigned.

Additionally, items 4, 11, 13, 15, and 16 were cited in the international search report. Copies of these items are not attached as they are available in the national stage file.

In accordance with MPEP Section 609 it is requested that each document cited [including any mentioned in Applicants' specification which is not repeated on the attached (or prior) PTO-1449 form(s) or equivalents thereof] be given thorough consideration and be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on the PTO-1449 form or its equivalent, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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	15	WO 00/33913	15 Jun 00	PCT				
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